

Senate Concurrent Resolution 105 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. ____
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1 6 WOOD, KREIMAN, and HORN
1 7 A Concurrent Resolution designating May 2008 as
1 8 Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month.
1 9 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding is a popular form of
1 10 recreation and transportation for thousands of people
1 11 across Iowa and the nation; and
1 12 WHEREAS, motorcycle riding can be an enjoyable
1 13 activity when safety is of paramount consideration and
1 14 all laws and regulations are observed; and
1 15 WHEREAS, the safe operation of a motorcycle
1 16 requires the use of special skills developed through a
1 17 combination of training and experience, the use of
1 18 good judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic
1 19 laws and licensing requirements; and
1 20 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
1 21 is intended to reduce the number of accidents,
1 22 injuries, and fatalities associated with motorcycling
1 23 by encouraging motorcycle operators to participate in
1 24 rider education programs, wear proper apparel, not
1 25 drink and ride, and operate their vehicles defensively
1 26 according to the rules of the road; and
1 27 WHEREAS, motorcycle organizations, clubs,
1 28 dealerships, and groups and highway safety officials
1 29 in our state should join Iowa motorcyclists in
1 30 actively promoting safe motorcycle operation,
2 1 increased rider training, improved licensing efforts,
2 2 and motorist awareness of motorcycles; and
2 3 WHEREAS, the Motorcycle Safety Awareness Campaign
2 4 encourages operators of other motor vehicles to be
2 5 cautious and observe these smaller vehicles,
2 6 especially during the seasonal return of motorcycles
2 7 to Iowa's streets and highways; and
2 8 WHEREAS, a motorcycle is a vehicle with all of the
2 9 privileges of any vehicle on the roadway, so a
2 10 motorcyclist should be allowed the use of a full lane
2 11 of travel; and
2 12 WHEREAS, other motorists need to take a second look
2 13 for motorcycles on the highway, at intersections, and
2 14 when a motorcyclist may be changing lanes or making a
2 15 left turn; and
2 16 WHEREAS, other motorists should clearly signal
2 17 their intentions, not follow motorcycles too closely,
2 18 and allow enough room for motorcyclists to take
2 19 evasive action by allowing plenty of space; and
2 20 WHEREAS, obstructions that other motorists might
2 21 ignore, such as debris and potholes, can be deadly for
2 22 a motorcyclist, so other motorists should learn to
2 23 predict when a motorcyclist might take evasive action;
2 24 NOW THEREFORE,
2 25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
2 26 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
2 27 designates the month of May 2008 as Motorcycle Safety
2 28 Awareness Month and encourages all Iowa motorists to
2 29 strive to improve motorcycle safety in this state.
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